

31 January 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, ORR  
SUBJECT: Deficiencies in Biographic Material  
REFERENCE: Your Memorandum of January 24th

1. With reference to the copy of the memorandum you sent from the Chief of the Requirements Staff, ORR, with your memorandum dated January 24th about the status of diplomatic relations among the various countries of Latin America and between those countries in other parts of the world, and about an up to date list of diplomatic personnel in Latin American countries, we have talked this matter over with State and wonder if State's files in the Biographic Information Division have been requested to supply this information. We understand that it should be on file there, the only question being on how up to date such information is.

2. Will you check with them through our usual OCD channels and then let us know if it cannot be found. I should think the Biographic Information Division of State would maintain such lists for the State Department's Assistant Secretary for American Republics Affairs so that without difficulty we could receive copies of such information.

3. If a country recognized Panama, for example, but did not promptly appoint a diplomatic representative to that position, that information I should think would be received promptly by the Assistant Secretary for American Republics Affairs through the weekly reports that he receives from each capital, more or less transmitting from the local press general news of the week, and then when a person were named to the position, that would show up in the files of the Biographic Information Division.

cc: AD/OCD  
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